लोहिया अस्पताल तथा सफदरजंग अस्पताल में भरती होने पर दवाओं, नर्सिंग होम के आवास, रक्त बैंक से खरीदे हुए रक्त और परिचर्या पर किये गये खर्चों की प्रतिपूर्ति कर दी जाती है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उपर्युक्त सुविधायें 425 रुपये से कम वेतन पाने वाले कर्मचारियों को नहीं दी जाती हैं ; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि निचले दर्जे के कर्मचारियों को चिकित्सा प्रमाण-पत्र तक जारी नहीं किये जाते है, जिनके आधार पर वे प्रतिपूर्ति का दावा प्रस्तुत कर सके।

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी कुनुदबेन एम० जोशी) : (क) से (ग) डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया अस्पताल सफदरजंग अस्पताल केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना द्वारा कवर किये गये केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों को निःशुल्क अस्पताल में भर्ती करने बहिरंग उपचार की सुविधाएं प्रदान करते है। वैसे, यदि किसी कर्मचारी को कोई निर्धारित दवाई अथवा रक्त आदि, जो अस्पताल/औषधालय में उपलब्ध न हो, खरीदना पड़ता है तो उसकी प्रतिपूर्ति की जाती है। नर्सिंग होम की सुविधाए केवल उन्हीं लाभार्थियों को उपलब्ध होती हैं जिनका मासिक वेतन 750/- रुपये से अधिक होता है।

Sea erosion in Kerala

391. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the gravity of the Problem of sea erosion in Kerala;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kerala Government has proposed to Central Government to change the existing system of loans to grants; and

(c) if so, what decision Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) (a) to (c) Appreciating the problem of sea-erosion of the coastline in Kerala, Government of India has been providing loan assistance to Kerala since 1972-73. The request of the State Government will have to be viewed in the context of similar problem being experienced by the other Coastal States. The Government of India has not taken a decision in the matter.

Procurement of rice in Andhra Pradesh

392. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of rice procured by the Food Corporation of India from Andhra Pradeh and its percentage, in relation to the total procurements made in the country;

(b) what is the quantity thereof allocated to that State for the Public Distribution System;

(c) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has asked the Food Corporation of India to procure more rice from the State; and

(d) whether that request has been acceded to?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONIC AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) During 1983-84 marketing season, the procurement of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) by Food Corporation of India in Andhra Pradesh so far has been 14.12 lakh tonnes, which comes to 18.5 per cent of the total procurement made in the country till 21st July, 1984.

(b) The allocation of rice to the State since the beginning of the cur-

rent marketing season till July, 1984 was 8.64 lakh tonnes.

(c) The Food Corporation of India has reported that it has not received any such request.

(d) Does not arise.

Extension to officers of railway board

393. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to grant extension of service to the Chairman and some Members of the Railway Board; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b). In the context of the superannuation of some of the Members of the Railway Board proposals are on hand to fill up these posts.

Production of adulterated scented tobacco (zarda)

394. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of firms manufacturing scented tobacco (zarda) in the country at present and the names of those, out of them, whose product has been found to be adulterated during the last three years;

(b) whether all scented tobacco manufacturing firms have not proper licences for those chemicals which they are mixing with tobacco; and

(c) whether instances where the quantity of tobacco was found to be less than what was marked on the packages by the said firms, have come to notice of Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMIL WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN. M. JOSHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Dearness Allowance to retired Railway employees

395. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned dearness allowance only to those retired Railway employees who had opted for pension instead of provident fund;

(b) whether Government propose to extend this benefit to those retired Railway employees also who had opted for provident fund instead of pension, as they are equally hard hit by inflation and get no relief; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to give such relief, and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के चिकित्सकों को प्रैक्टिस-निषेध भत्ता

396. **श्री राम पूजन पटेल** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के अन्तर्गत कार्यरत चिकित्सकों को प्रैक्टिस-निषेध भत्ता दिया जाता है, यदि हां, तो उन्हें कितना भत्ता प्रदान किया जाता है ; और

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के अन्तर्गत ही कार्य करने वाले औषधि विक्रेताओं तथा अन्य कर्मचारियों को जो